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[1](#)D. AMMAN 473
[1](#)E. AMMAN 456
[1](#)F. STATE 16339

Classified By: CDA DANIEL RUBINSTEIN; REASONS 1.4(B), (D).

[1](#)1. (C) In the absence from the country of Foreign Minister Bashir, Charge delivered ref A demarche to Acting Foreign Minister (and regularly, Minister of State for Media and Communication Affairs) Nasser Joudeh February 19. Joudeh said he would consult with others in the GOJ and convey any feedback when available.

[1](#)2. (C) COMMENT: As described Ref D, although senior GOJ officials recognize the logic of our approach, they are waiting for upcoming OIC and Arab League summits to try and hammer out a common position, and failing that, as a gateway for independent action. Post will follow up in coming days to see how their position develops, and to gauge whether GCC intentions/actions (Ref F) have any impact on the Jordanian stance. END COMMENT.

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